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Note by the President of the Security Council

The members of the Security Council have considered the following practical measures that, without prejudice to the report of the Security Council provided for in Article 24.3 of the Charter and to the reports of subsidiary bodies to the Council, and in addition to the measures contained in the note by the President of the Security Council of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507), and in the note by the President of the Security Council of 17 December 2012 (S/2012/937), might contribute to further improving the effectiveness of the work of the Council and ensuring continuity in the work of its subsidiary bodies.

To that end, the members of the Security Council have agreed on the following practical measures.

Early appointment of Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies is encouraged. To that end, members of the Council will start the informal process of consultations referred to in the note by the President of the Security Council of 17 December 2012 (S/2012/937) as early as possible after each election of members of the Security Council.

Without prejudice to the annual report of each subsidiary organ, the Chairpersons of subsidiary bodies are encouraged to provide those members of the Council that will take over the chairmanship an informal written briefing of the work done during the outgoing chairmanship, and are also encouraged to maintain informal meetings with the incoming chairmanship, as necessary.

The briefing will be accompanied by documents adopted during the outgoing chairmanship and all informal documents or background information the outgoing Chair deems pertinent to enlighten the incoming Chair, including draft documents being discussed by the subsidiary body. Taking into account that such documents and information might not be public, they will be provided to the members that will take over the chairmanships as soon as possible when chairmanships are decided and during the period of six weeks immediately preceding the term of membership in the case of newly elected members provided for in section XIII of the annex to the note by the President of 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507).

The Secretariat could assist the outgoing Chair in the preparation of the background information, although responsibility would lie with the Chair.

The outgoing Chairs would be encouraged to maintain information meetings with the incoming Chairs, including with the assistance of the Secretariat.

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